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Happy New Year!

Saint James Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

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Reverend Richard Hughes, Preaching Supply Pastor

Reverend Frank Dew, Pastoral Leadership for Administering Sacraments and Session Moderator

January 2021 Edition

Welcome To Saint James Presbyterian Church!

The members of the Saint James Presbyterian Church are pleased to have you worship with us during the month of January. We ask that you kindly fill out our electronic visitor's card located here: <https://forms.gle/L33q5q23H92pnnrV9>. You can also contact us during worship through our Zoom chat, our FB Messenger or send an email after worship to: office@stjamespresby.org. We would like to have a record of your visit and a way to keep you updated on what is happening here at Saint James. Your information will remain confidential.



Are you interested in joining Saint James?

We welcome you to join Saint James Presbyterian Church and are committed to helping you grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ. You may become a member of the Saint James Presbyterian Church in one of the following ways: (1) You can fill out our electronic visitors card located here: <https://forms.gle/L33q5q23H92pnnrV9> and we will reach out to you. (2) You can contact us during worship through our Zoom chat, our FB Messenger or send an email after worship to: office@stjamespresby.org. We look forward to helping you make this decision!

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Follow us on Twitter: [@stjames_gsonc](https://twitter.com/stjames_gsonc)

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Visit our Website: www.stjamespresby.org

Our Purpose Statement:

“The purpose of Saint James Presbyterian Church is to touch lives through Jesus Christ by providing joyful worship, life changing teaching, warm community, and dynamic, meaningful ministries that serve to bring a new generation of believers to Christ and to nurture those who are already growing in faith.”

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January Participants:

Worship Leaders:

Reverend Sèkinah Hamlin

Reverend Richard Hughes

Reverend Frank Dew

Worship Elders:

Elder Karen Watts-Yehudah

Elder Charles Knox

Elder Sharon Gaskin

Music Directors:

Ms. Jasmine Evans, New Generation
Praise Team & Inspirational Ensemble

Ms. Valerie D. Johnson, Chancel Choir &
Combined Choir

Musicians:

Dr. Ronald Campbell, Organist &
Keyboardist

Mr. Nick Hayes, Percussionist



January Lectionary

Let's continue reading together! As we journey into the month of January, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship by reading the scheduled lectionary texts each week.

The texts are listed below. Before you read each text, practice a few minutes of centering prayer to clear your mind. Pray for clarity and focus. While reading, physically or mentally take notes so that you can summarize what the scripture is saying. Finally, go back and pick out any themes or recurring ideas that may be relevant to your personal life, Saint James or the church at large. Close your reading time with a Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's word and revelation.

1st Sunday

• Jer. 31:7-14

2nd Sunday

• Gen. 1:1-5

3rd Sunday

• 1 Samuel 3:1-10

4th Sunday

• Jonah 3:1-5

5th Sunday

• Deut. 18:15-20

WORSHIP *Saint James worship services & shared community worship opportunities.*

Presbyterian Women Annual Candlelight Memorial Service

On January 10, 2021 at 2 p.m., the Presbyterian Women will have its annual Memorial Service in honor of the members who transitioned in 2020. Hosted by the Sara Barber Circle, the service will be held on Zoom. Click here: [Annual Candlelight Memorial Service](#). Passcode: 980529. The link can also be found on our website or in your email blast. For those dialing in, you can call 1-929-205-6099 and enter meeting ID: 861 3092 3040 followed by the pound sign then enter Passcode: 980529 followed by the pound sign. Help us honor our beloved members and their families.

The 16th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Interfaith Service

The Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Interfaith Service hosted by Saint James Presbyterian Church will take place via Zoom on Monday, January 18th at 12:00 noon. This will be a time for people of all faiths, ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds to join together to honor the legacy of the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to receive a charge to continue his legacy in 2021. The service is open to the public. Stay tuned to your e-blast for more information.

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In the interest and concern for your safety during the COVID-19 epidemic, online and conference call services will be conducted until further notice. All physical group gatherings have been transferred to another medium or postponed. We are asking all members and friends to join us via conference call, Zoom, or Facebook Live on Sundays at 10 a.m.

To join us online at Zoom for our Sunday Service:

Click the link here -----> <https://zoom.us/j/742365808>

To join us on our conference call,

dial in to: 929-205-6099

Enter Meeting ID: 742 365 808#

(This Meeting ID is just for our Sunday Service and virtual sanctuary hangout)

You can also join us on our Facebook page:

Click the link here -----> [www.facebook.com/stjamespresby](https://www.facebook.com/stjamespresby) or visit [www.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

Go to the search bar and type in "St. James Presbyterian Church"

Click on the picture of our logo!

Visit our website to sign up for email updates.

[www.stjamespresby.org](https://www.stjamespresby.org)

**Did you miss any services?** Our Zoom services are now on YouTube! You can find all of our Sunday and Special Services on our YouTube page. All of our Bible Studies are continually added as well! Please click the link to enjoy any one of our services that you may have missed. Click the link below to watch:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoVErWxoPIgu-48o\\_ig2V2A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoVErWxoPIgu-48o_ig2V2A)

# Happy Birthday to our members born in January!!

**Ron Campbell**

**Paul Carlton, IV**

**Kayla Gaskin**

**Lisa Graves**

**Robert Graves**

**Vallie Guthrie**

**Carrie Ledbetter**

**Dionne Pittman**

**Milton Pittman**

**Annie Purcell**

**Annis Sensabaugh**

**Vernon Stringer**

**Roderick Zigler**

## **DISCIPLESHIP** *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings*

Join the members of the **Monday Morning Bible Study** class for an AT-HOME-STUDY of the book of PROVERBS. This study will allow us to glean the wisdom God wants us to know and use. Study this book of the Bible to find a truth to learn, a promise to claim, a command to obey and a prayer to echo. JOIN US!!

**The John Erwin Sunday School Class** is honoring the Stay-at-Home, physical distancing order.

### **Presbyterian Women Bible Study Circles**

Grace Brown Circle will be honoring Stay-at-Home and Physical Distancing practices during this time. Our January virtual meeting will be held on Friday, January 15, 2021 at 3 pm. Join Zoom Meeting by clicking here: [The Grace Brown Circle Meeting](#) with Passcode: 263759. For those calling in, please dial: 929-205-6099 with Meeting ID: 854 9942 7436 and Passcode: 263759 ~Donna Spinks & Kathy Moore, Co-Mods.

The Roxie McNair Circle is honoring the Stay-At-Home and the physical distancing. More details to come later. ~Elder Pauline McNair, Moderator

The Sara Barber Circle will meet January 3, 2021 at 3:00 pm via zoom. Lesson five entitled, Lamenting Life from the study guide, Into The Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament, will be led by Andrea Russell. Scripture: Job 3:1-4, 9-19,24-26. Visitors who would like to visit or join should contact Linda Adams at 336-509-0420. ~Linda Adams, Moderator

The Essie B. Meares Circle will be studying lessons 5 and 6 for January. Lesson 5- Lamenting Life and Lesson 6- Lament Over the City will be discussed. Circle Leaders are reminded to share general comments with the moderator by January 30, 2021. Visitors are welcome to join us. Thank you. Demetra Barnwell, Moderator





## **DISCIPLESHIP** *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings (continued)*

The Marie Florance Presbytettes will meet virtually on Sunday, January 17th at 1:00 PM. Zoom information will be sent in the January letter/Email. Jasmine Evans will lead Lesson 4 and Ina Siler will lead Lesson 5 from the Horizons workbook. We welcome all visitors. Please contact our Moderator, Ina Siler at 551-655-4612 for Zoom Information.

In December, we celebrated Presbytette Eva Collins' birthday on Zoom during our December 20 during our Circle meeting with a "Birthday Party in a Box.". ~Dr. Ina Siler, Moderator



## **DISCIPLESHIP** *Sunday School, Bible Studies & Leadership Trainings (continued)*

**The Older Adult Ministry** continues to address the issues of the aging population in a positive and pro-active manner. All Super Seniors are invited to join us. Please contact Mrs. Marie Martin for more information. ~Mrs. Marie Martin, Moderator

### **Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC)**

Calling all girls and women of Saint James! You are invited to attend our next Presbyterian Women of the Congregation Zoom on Sunday, January 10th at 2:00 p.m. We will be holding our Annual Candlelight Memorial Service to honor the members we lost in 2020. All members and family are welcomed to attend. Please consider joining us! Follow this link to join the meeting: [PWC Annual Memorial Service](#) Password: 980529

Dues for this PWC year are \$30.00. All active women are encouraged to submit your dues for 2021. You can pay via mail (820 Ross Avenue, 27406), PayPal or CashApp (\$SJPCNC). Please indicate PW Dues in the memo.

### **Presbyterian Men**

The Presbyterian Men's Ministry would like to express our thanks for the congregational support of our Fish and Chicken Fundraisers and to all men that actively participated in the ministry during 2020. During the challenges of this pandemic, we have continued to seek ways to Touch Lives through Jesus Christ and minister inside and outside the walls.

We have missed the in-person meetings and wonderful fellowship breakfasts, prepared by Deacon Wilomenia Rankin. However, the Men have continued to actively participate on Boards of the church, the Pastor Nominating Committee, Congregational Care, Message and a Meal, supporting Saint James as a Matthew 25 Congregation by participating with the work of the Social Justice Ministry and through Community Service projects, such as donations to Urban Ministry, Blessed Table Food Pantry and to Families with special needs.

All men of the church are requested to donate \$35 for 2021 annual dues. Payments may be made to Gary Williams, Treasurer or in the regular offering. Make checks payable to Saint James Presbyterian Church, PayPal or CashApp (\$sjpcnc) with Presbyterian Men on the memo line. ~Elder Charles Knox, President



## **ADMINISTRATION** *Church Business & Officer Information*

### **Monthly Informer Article Deadline**

Please feel free to mail or e-mail: [office@stjamespresby.org](mailto:office@stjamespresby.org). Articles can be sent prior to the deadline with the subject: "February Informer." The Final Deadline for articles is Friday, January 29, 2021 by 12:00 noon.

### **The Informer is going green and social!**

The Informer can now be emailed to you directly. In addition, the monthly Informer is always available on our website. Please sign up for our email subscription on the church website. If you're already signed up, The Informer will be coming to you each month.

### **Car Wash Gift Cards For Sale!**

Does your car need a little TLC? Purchase a \$20.00 Autobell Car Wash Gift Card today! These cards are a great way to invest in Saint James and to keep your ride sparkling in the spring sun. The Autobell Car Wash Gift Card is also an excellent card filler or gift to someone who loves a clean car. Contact the Church Office, Vanessa Haygood or Timisha Corpening to purchase your card today!

### **Update on Printing through the Office**

Finally! Implementation of copy codes and limits has been updated. There will be cost for printing in the church office. Every ministry will receive a printing allotment for the year. Prints over the allotted amount will be billed to each ministry. Contact the office with any questions or code requests.

Yearly Allotment per Ministry: Black & White Copies: 300, Color Copies: 175

Printing Charges: Black & White: \$0.01 per letter-sized impression

Color: \$0.08 per letter-sized impression

Tabloid: Each 11x17 impression counts as two letter-size impressions.

### **Contact Information Updating**

Have you moved? Changed your phone number? Did you know that you can send update your contact information anytime? Our contact information form is always available online. To fill out the form online, please click: <https://forms.gle/bncJhjh5d4gwHafUA> You can also visit our website and click on the link to be taken to the Contact Information Update form. If you would like a physical form, please call the church office and one will be mailed to you. Your information will remain confidential.



# **ADMINISTRATION** *Church Business & Officer Information (continued)*

**Shepherd's Care Ministry!** Congregational Care is an integral part of the ministry of Saint James Presbyterian Church. In an effort to respond to the call to care for one another, our new supply pastor along with the Session, Stephen Ministry, Deacons and Office Staff have developed the new Shepherd's Care ministry.

Shepherd's Care functions as a pastoral care arm of ministry. The purpose of the Shepherds Care ministry is to care for our congregation by providing presence through visits and prayer during times of medical procedures, health crisis, transitions, and illness.

Our supply pastor is the primary provider for end of life care, bereavement and funerals. Our Shepherds Care team provides presence for ongoing care concerns. The foundation for this ministry is in scripture. Just as Moses was admonished to appoint elders to assist with the care of God's flock (Exodus 18); and just as the early church provided people to care for widows as the apostles gave themselves to prayer and the teaching of the word (Acts 2), our church stands in a biblical tradition to commission people of faith to provide for the care of God's people.

So how does it work? To help ensure that everyone has a Shepherd, including those on the Forget Me Not List, our congregation is divided into groups based on the first letter of your last name. Each group has been assigned a Shepherds care team member as seen below. If there is a need for prayer, notice of a medical procedure or surgery, notice of a current or past hardship, members can call the church office at 336-273-6658 or email [care@stjamespresby.org](mailto:care@stjamespresby.org). The office will notify your Shepherds Care Provider immediately.

If there is an end of life situation, the supply pastor is the primary provider. All information is private unless permission is given to share with the entire church during prayer and/or through the forget me not list. The Shepherd's Care Team has been thoroughly trained, and is eager to serve, so do not hesitate to share your need.

## **Shepherd's Care List 2020**

| <b><u>Elders</u></b>  | <b><u>Members of the Congregation</u></b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Tyrone Collins        | A                                         |
| Bob Powell            | B                                         |
| Carrie Ledbetter      | C                                         |
| Sharon Gaskin         | D, E                                      |
| Sharon Smiley         | F, G                                      |
| Karen Watts-Yehudah   | H, I                                      |
| Andrea Russell        | J, K, L                                   |
| Oscar Reid, Jr.       | M                                         |
| Charles Knox          | N, O, P                                   |
| Timisha Corpening     | Q, R                                      |
| Paula Latham          | S                                         |
| Linda McSwain-Randall | T, U, V                                   |
| Donna Spinks          | W, X, Y, Z                                |



## **ADMINISTRATION** *Church Business & Officer Information (continued)*

### Pastor Nominating Committee

We continue to review the PIFs, watch the sermons of our applicants, and schedule interviews. We received four more applications in December. As we talk with people in other presbyteries who are looking for pastors, we know the surge in COVID-19 cases is impacting searches all over the country. We continue to pray for God's guidance as we work through this process to find our next pastor.

The members of your PNC are:

Linda Adams  
Freddie Click  
Jasmine Evans  
Marie Martin  
Gretchen Robinson  
Karen Watts-Yehudah

Cynthia Latham - Co-Chair  
Ina Siler - Co-Chair





## **ADMINISTRATION** *Church Business & Officer Information (continued)*

### **Bulletin Boards**

Thanks to all of the Ministries at St. James Presbyterian Church for each Bulletin Board representing what your ministry is doing. It is important that your Ministry board keep our church abreast of what you are doing in your ministry. It also helps members and visitors to take a quick glance at what your ministry is all about. We share and hope you will continue to benefit from our bulletin boards to the point you would like to join one that interests you most. Please contact me with any questions. May God bless you!

~Willie M. Meachem “Peggy”

## **EVANGELISM** *Neighborhood blasts, New Members & Inquirers Class*

### **New Members and Inquirers Class!**

During this time of COVID-19, to keep you and our members' safe, our New Members Class is not being held. If you missed the last New Members and Inquirers Class or are interested in learning more about Saint James, contact the church office at 336-273-6558. Our dedicated Elders will reach out to you. We are looking forward to sharing more about who we are and what we believe!



# **SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY**

## **GUILFORD COUNTY COALITION ON INFANT MORTALITY PARTNERSHIP**

The Saint James Social Justice ministry has been contacted by the Guilford County Coalition on Infant Mortality to enlist interested church members in the Collective Action Strategic Planning process the coalition is undertaking to rebrand and redirect its efforts. The purpose of the process is to create strong strategies designed to reduce infant mortality and eliminate the significant disparities that exist for infants of color. We all realize that starting work on this youngest cohort of our citizens, our infants, is essential in order to see the strong, equitable and healthy society we desire.

Three areas of participation have been suggested for those Saint James members who want to partner in any portion of this important work:

- 1) Participate in work groups or “convening” where goals and priority areas of the rebranded Coalition will be defined. There will be 4-5 sessions of 90 minutes each between now and March led by the Root Cause consulting group to complete this phase. The dates of these sessions will be announced within the next 3 weeks, and posted in the Sunday announcements.
- 2) Volunteer for a Leadership Action Team made up of members of the African American community who represent faith communities, healthcare industry, public officers, and interested at-large citizens. The team will partner with the coalition to superintend the implementation of the priority areas.
- 3) Board of director’s members with experience in the following sectors will be needed: healthcare, hospital administration, marketing, legal, finance, DHHS, and community organizing. No fund raising is required for board participation.

If you have an interest in investing in the future of our city, county, state and country by battling infant mortality and its disproportionate effect on communities of color, please choose one of the activities designed to make the Coalition a strong force in making a difference in all our lives. For additional information, contact Vanessa Haygood, Christina Youngue, or email Jean Workman, CEO at [jworkman@guilfordcountync.gov](mailto:jworkman@guilfordcountync.gov) with your interest in joining this effort.



# **SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY**

## Social Justice Advocacy Ministry Updates:

### Summary Report Phase Two Social Justice Ministry/Get Out the Vote Committee 2020

An agreement or Memorandum of Understanding between Saint James and the Beloved Community Center was created and approved by the church session in August 2020. This collaboration was named the Black & Brown Women's 2020 Voting Initiative with the following purpose statement:

The purpose of the Black & Brown Women's 2020 Voting Initiative is to establish a collaboration among organizations and individuals to work jointly to implement an aggressive voter campaign that results in high voter turnout/participation from all communities in Greensboro and Guilford County. Our work involves a particular focus on increasing the participation of African American and Latinx voters, as well as young voters in the local, state and national elections. Our local work spread to other similar outreach efforts in Forsyth, Harnett, Mecklenburg and Wake counties.

The seven subcommittees established by the Black & Brown Women's Initiative are listed as follows with committees meeting for the first time on Thursday, August 27, 2020, with the final zoom meeting occurring on Thursday, November 12, 2020. All meetings were hosted by the Beloved Community Center.

#### Name: Churches & Places of Worship #1

##### Outcomes:

- Involvement of 10 church organizations ;
- Voter education and registration events (October 10 Information Event cancelled due to weather);
- October 24 Get Out the Vote Mass Church Meeting via Zoom ;
- October 18 & October 25 Souls to the Polls in coordination with North Carolina Black Alliance;
- Election Day distribution of voter guides, personal protection equipment and snacks at 5 election sites (assistance from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, church congregations and GOTV members);
- Voting guides from Democracy North Carolina and personal protection kits were distributed throughout the community based out of the Beloved Community Center.

#### Name: Print & Social Media Outreach #2

##### Outcomes:

- Shared information designed to invite or attract young voters to our efforts to increase voter engagement in elections;
- Contacted local media outlets (radio and Print media) to promote vote efforts;
- Coordinated check-in zoom meetings and invitations to continue to grow our network of community voter advocates ;

Developed comprehensive website: <https://belovedcommunitycenter.org/vote-2020/>

#### Name: Community, Civic, & Social Groups #3

##### Outcomes:

- Developed database of women's organizations of women of color for Greensboro and Guilford County ;
- Used database for Zoom meeting invitations in collaboration with the Beloved Community Center.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY *cont.***

Name: Special Events & Programs #4

Outcomes:

- October 17<sup>th</sup> Voting Expungement Clinic in Barber Park-connecting with resources, employers and attorneys, including “Clean Slate Clinic” with Southern Coalition for Social Justice to assist ex-felons in clearing their records and registering to vote on site;
- October 19-Tau Omega Candidate Forum hosted by the Voter Registration, Education and Mobilization Committee ;
- October 31 Greensboro coliseum early voting giveaways and food ;
- October 31 Awareness and Wellness in the Park-Greensboro Douglas Park (yoga, dance, vendors. live music, nonpartisan candidate information, fresh produce, mental health resources) ;
- November 3 Voter Support and Voter Protection at selected Greensboro voting precincts located in African American and Latinx communities-welcomed voters, provided nonpartisan voter guides, personal protection kits, assisted with transportation.

Name: Senior Living Communities #5

Outcomes:

- Obtained updates about the work of the local Multi-Partisan Assistance Team (MAT) of the Guilford County Board of Elections, charged with engaging residents in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, or adult care home settings in the elections process;
- Contacted 22 nursing homes, 25 adult day care homes, and 9 adult day care centers in Guilford County via phone and/or standard letter : to offer Democracy North Carolina Voting Guides; to disseminate standardized print information for display and make sure information on voter registration and obtaining absentee ballots were available;
- Successful in encouraging senior living facilities to contact MAT to obtain voter assistance for residents. Follow up with facilities to ensure resources needed were available for clients/residents interested in voting;
- Sent mailing to clergy including digital and print media to include in announcements directed at senior living communities church members.

Name: African American and Latinx Business Outreach #6

Outcomes:

- Contacted nearly 300 businesses via email using the State of NC Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) list. Email included educational information to increase voter participation with key dates;
- Distributed approximately 130 posters with messages encouraging citizens to vote: Messages from John Lewis, Michelle Obama, Dolores Huerta, Carmen Perez and posters with a generic message;
- Siembra NC and Mejente distributed 40 posters, voter guides and voter information in Spanish to Latinx businesses.



# **SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY MINISTRY** *cont.*

Name: Transportation #7

Outcomes:

- Established partnership with the City of Greensboro *Move to the Polls*;
- Provided assistance in production of a Transit Voter Guide listing public and private providers; Participation in Voter Registration at Depot; and Dissemination of Get Out the Vote Yard Signs for Partners;
- Identified potential transportation providers;
- Outreach to inform community about transportation opportunities through dedicated phone line via Beloved Community Center's Website, Carolina Peacemaker, WNAA, 102 JAMZ, and WFMY 2 Good Morning Show;

Matched riders with providers through dedicated phone line: 20 calls during early voting and 10 Election Day calls resulting in 14 referrals for transportation.

## Black & Brown Women's GOTV Subcommittee Members

1. **Churches & Houses of Worship** : Conveners, Reverend Marilyn King-Lewis & Lolita Watkins, Cheryl Hairston, Reverend Sekinah Hamlin, Sarah Lewers, Reverend Tracey Matthews, Tracey Powell, Christina Yongue
2. **Print & Social Media** : Convener, Andrea Metcalfe, Melinda Billings, Ana Illaraza-Blackburn, Daphne Holmes-Johnson, Pat Davis Thompson, Christina Yongue
3. **Community, Civic and Social Groups** : Convener, Sylvia Clapp-White, Crystal Josey Davis
4. **Special Events and Programs**: Convener, Joyce Johnson, Ana Illaraza-Blackburn, Daphne Holmes-Johnson
5. **Senior Living Communities**: Convener, Dr. Vanessa Haygood, Griselda Clark, Glenda Gray, Carrie Ledbetter, Carol Moffitt, Ann Morris, Jan Parker, Elmira Powell, Sharon Smiley, Cheryl Smith, Lucia Ward-Alexander, Kay Zimmerman
6. **African American and Latinx Business Outreach**: Convener, Mildred Powell, Katherine Harrelson, Majiik Pinnix, Lolita Watkins, Phyllis Wyatt
7. **Transportation to the Polls**: Conveners, Sharon Smiley, Elder Evelyn Teasley
8. **Guilford County Women's 2020 Voting Initiative** Co-Leaders. Joyce Johnson and Lolita Watkins
9. **Special Advisors**: Lewis Brandon and Reverend Nelson Johnson

Black & Brown Women's 2020 Initiative partnered with 30 organizations representing local, state and national organizations.

## **Saint James Presbyterian Church Social Justice Ministry Get Out The Vote Committee 2020**

- |                            |                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Linda Adams             | 11. Linda Parker                |
| 2. Demetra Barnwell        | 12. Mildred Powell              |
| 3. Dr. Adnee Bradford      | 13. Annie Purcell               |
| 4. Freddie Click, Sr.      | 14. Delores Scott               |
| 5. Mona Edwards            | 15. Sharon Smiley               |
| 6. Reverend Sekinah Hamlin | 16. Dr. Vernon Stringer         |
| 7. Dr. Vanessa Haygood     | 17. Pat Davis-Thompson          |
| 8. Carrie Ledbetter        | 18. Amryl Ward                  |
| 10. Paula McEachern        | 19. Lucia Ward-Alexander        |
|                            | 20. Karen Watts-Yehudah         |
|                            | 21. Phyllis Wyatt               |
|                            | 22. Lolita Watkins, Chairperson |



# **FAITH POINT FELLOWSHIP** *Young Adult and College Ministry*

**Thirsty Thursday Worship** - Faith Point kicks off 2021 with Thirsty Thursday Worship on Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Jasmine Evans will be preaching. We invite all young adults and those who are young at heart to join this dynamic worship experience. Please click on the link below or put it into your browser to join the worship service.

[Thirsty Thursday](#)

Meeting ID: 868 8487 3490

Passcode: 732712

Soul Food Conversations - Join us for our 30 minute bible study on Zoom on Thursday, January 21st at 7:00 PM and our Soul Food Conversations discuss group on Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 PM. The Zoom link above can be used for this session. too.

**Meet the Faith Point Leadership Team!** Jasmine Evans and Shemiah Curry serve as Ministry Coordinators for Faith Formation (MCs). They are responsible for leading bible study and worship services. Rycal Blount (A&T graduate student) and Jayla White (Bennett College sophomore) are the Social Media Interns. They promote Faith Point events on social media and to their network of friends and college students.



## **LEADERSHIP TEAM**



**JASMINE EVANS,  
MC**



**SHEMIAH CURRY,  
MC**



**JAYLA WHITE,  
INTERN**



**RYCAL BLOUNT,  
INTERN**

**Want to stay connected to Faith Point Fellowship?**

Text FPF to 55469 to receive words of inspiration and regular updates or visit our website at [faithpointfellowship.org](http://faithpointfellowship.org). We are also on social media @FaithPointFellowship

## **FORGET ME NOT LIST - COLLEGE STUDENTS**

|                      |                                      |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Emmale Burris        | Guilford Technical Community College |
| Terence Burris       | NC A&T State University              |
| Christian Butler     | NC A&T State University              |
| Victoria Butler      | Howard University                    |
| Paul Carlton         | NC A&T State University              |
| Marcus Funderburk    | Forsyth Technical Community College  |
| Micah Funderburk     | UNC-Pembroke                         |
| Kayla Gaskin         | Emory University                     |
| Karlton Gaskin       | Columbia University                  |
| Jalen Graves         | UNC-Greensboro                       |
| Mia Graves           | North Carolina Central School of Law |
| Ashley Halley        | Appalachian State University         |
| Brittani Hewitt      | Hampton University                   |
| Franklin McCain, III | NC A&T State University              |
| April Newkirk        | Central Piedmont Community College   |
| Messiah Reid         | Guilford Technical Community College |
| Idalia Robinson      | Guilford Technical Community College |
| Nodiyah Satterwhite  | NC A&T State University              |
| Isaiah Siler         | Guilford Technical Community College |
| Jacquelyn Sullivan   | Guilford College                     |
| Mikala Thomason      | Nazareth College                     |
| Matthew Watlington   | NC A&T State University              |
| Shelleik Wilson      | Winston-Salem State University       |

### **Want to stay connected to Faith Point Fellowship?**

Text FPF to 55469 to receive words of inspiration and regular updates or visit our website at [faithpointfellowship.org](http://faithpointfellowship.org). We are also on social media @FaithPointFellowship

## **FORGET ME NOT LIST** *Remember to pray for those who cannot attend worship*

|                                                 |                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gertrude Avery                                  | 412 Stewart St., 27401                                                 |
| Clarence and Pearl Durham                       | 3313 Janet Lane, 27405                                                 |
| Hyla Cundiff                                    | 2214 New Castle Rd. 27406                                              |
| Emily Goodman (sister of Trustee Fred Peterman) | 2605 Corinth Dr., 27406                                                |
| Bob Graves                                      | 4400 Lawndale Dr., 27455                                               |
| John and Vallie Guthrie                         | 4504 Southall Dr., 27406                                               |
| Lynette Hawkins                                 | 1212 Swan Creek Rd.<br>Fort Washington, MD 20744                       |
| Brenda Jackson (daughter of Maxine Covington)   | 1209 Humboldt Avenue North<br>Minneapolis, MN 55411                    |
| Cecelia Jones                                   | 3823 Lawndale Drive<br>Greensboro, NC 27455                            |
| Annis Sensabaugh                                | Blumenthal Jewish Nursing Center,<br>3724 Wireless Dr., Rm. 213, 27455 |
| Erica Ward (niece of Elder Nancy Rives)         | 141 Vinings Dr. McDonough, GA 30253                                    |



*Forget Me Not*

## **FELLOWSHIP** *Expressions of gratitude, celebrations and church functions!*



### **Birth Announcement!**

Sonia Boakyewaa and her husband Clifford Osei-Okyere celebrated the birth of their first child on October 27. Sinai Abena Ampomaa Osei-Okyere weighed in at 7 lbs 2.6 ounces.

### **Thank you...**

Rev. Hamlin and the Saint James Presbyterian Church Family,  
Thank you for your words of comfort during the unexpected passing of my brother, James Arthur. He was the patriarch of our family and will be solely missed. Your cards, emails, texts and phone calls helped to make this time more bearable. May God bless you all.  
~Linda Adams

Dear Saint James Family, Many thanks for your acts of kindness and prayers as I deal with the passing of my dear friend, Elder Julia Ruth Richmond. Her selfless contributions to the church and its ministries serve as an ever present reminder of her love and faithful dedication to St. James. Always. ~Lindell Mills

Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Thank you for thinking of our family during this difficult time. Thank you for the wonderful flower arrangement. ~Eric, Natalie & Khloe Gipson

Rev. Hamlin and St. James Presbyterian Church Family,  
Thank you for the peace lily, cards, phone calls and expressions of sympathy you extended to me in the loss of my mother, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Gillis. It's been a very difficult time. However, our grief has been made easier to bear because of your love and support. Thank you very much. ~Mona Gillis Edwards and Family

Rev. Hamlin, Rev. Hughes and the entire Saint James Presbyterian Church Family, we are so appreciative of your many acts of kindness shown towards us during my father's illness and at the time of his death. Your cards, text, emails and prayers were reassuring that we were not alone during these uncertain times. God Bless each of you! ~Sincerely, Ralph, Ursula, Devin and Alexis Robinson

## **OUTREACH MINISTRY** *We are busy serving the community- Join Us!*

Message and a Meal continues to provide a hot and nutritious meal every Sunday at 3 P.M. Meals are now served in to-go containers. Although we are not able to fellowship together over a meal with the community amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we are grateful for the opportunity to be able to serve takeout meals to those in need.

### **Message and A Meal September 2020**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Guests</b> | <b>Volunteers</b> |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 12/6/2020   | 130           | 4                 |
| 12/13/2020  | 167           | 3                 |
| 12/20/2020  | 212           | 5                 |
| 12/27/2020  | 182           | 2                 |

### **Free Flu Shots**

Our Message & A Meal program, in partnership with Cone Health, is offering free Flu Shots every week from 2:00 p.m – 3:00 p.m. There will also be the possibility of free COVID-19 testing later in the month. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity during this flu season! Stay masked up and stay well. This is open to the public.





## **OUTREACH MINISTRY** *We are busy serving the community- Join Us!*

### **The Ministry of the Month for January is the International Civil Rights Museum!**

“The International Civil Rights Center & Museum is an archival center, collecting museum and teaching facility devoted to the international struggle for civil and human rights. The Museum celebrates the nonviolent protests of the 1960 Greensboro sit-ins that served as a catalyst in the civil rights movement.” – [www.sitinmovement.org](http://www.sitinmovement.org) We look forward to supporting the museum in January with our giving. Please make checks payable to Saint James with “Museum” in the memo.

### **Tiny House Community Development: We Are... One In The Spirit**

Are you still looking to fulfill a niche? Perhaps, you feel led to help ‘the least of these’ but don’t know where to begin. Well...look no more! There is ‘plenty of good room’ for you with Tiny House, a ministry that builds safe, affordable housing for the homeless in our community. How can I help, you might ask? The opportunities below are just some of the ways you or your ministry, collectively, can help.—

#### *Tiny House Volunteer Opportunities:*

**Breakfast 4 Our Friends:** Breakfast is served every Saturday morning between 7:45 A.M. – 8:45 A.M. at Center City Park in downtown Greensboro. Volunteer your time and/or breakfast items for approximately 80-100 people

**Sponsor a Resident’s Utilities:** Utilities for a Tiny House averages to \$85.00/month. You can sponsor utilities on either a monthly or yearly basis.

**Donate Appliances:** For one of the six houses currently being built in the Greensboro Tiny House community appliances average to \$1,300.00.

**Make a Tax Deductible Donation To:** Tiny House Greensboro, P. O. Box 20691, Greensboro, NC 27420.

\*For additional information on this ministry, please contact Elder Oscar Reid.

**Homeless Committee:** The Homeless Committee wishes to acknowledge with warm appreciation the congregation for the donation of 51 boxes of Quaker Oats for the Greensboro Urban Ministry.

### **Continued Free Meal Distribution**

Guilford County Schools is continuing to provide Grab & Go meals Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. until noon at 41 schools and 64 neighborhood locations for children under the age of 18. Find the locations here:

[Meal Distribution Listing](#)

**Stephen Ministry.** a Christ-centered ministry that provides care in alleviating pain and stress of life, remains attentive to the needs of others. Our personal contact via the phone allows us to connect. As we venture day by day through this pandemic, we extend the promises of God and the affirmation of His omni-presence. Our goal is to represent the love, concern and care of Jesus in a confidential way. If we can be of assistance as we journey together, please call a Stephen Leader: Adnee Bradford (336) 202-6989, Yvonne Patterson (336) 375-0122, Cynthia Latham (336) 324-7252

## **OUTREACH MINISTRY** *We are busy serving the community- Join Us!*

### **Stephen Ministry: In Honor of Mrs. Julia Ruth Richmond**

On behalf of Stephen Ministry, it is fitting to honor the memory of Mrs. Julia Ruth Richmond who transitioned from this life October 21, 2020 and to acknowledge her commitment and service to this Christ-centered ministry for sixteen years.

Mrs. Richmond ascribed to the core values of her training as a Stephen Minister and especially to the listening skills she embraced and to her consistency in offering herself to others. There was a saying amongst us, "Once a Stephen Minister, always a Stephen Minister." And so, it was with Mrs. Richmond.

Her nature was straight forward, given in kindness, and always with a sense of decency and order. She was a teacher, committed to her students and led an accomplished life of achievement.

In later years she was known to say, "I'll do what I can" and she remained true to her promise. We salute Mrs. Julia Ruth Richmond with honor and respect.

~Adnee Bradford, Yvonne Patterson and Cynthia M. Latham, Stephen Leaders



# **STEWARDSHIP** *Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities.*

## **A New Beginning for The New Year!**

"... "Why is the house of God neglected?" Then I called them together and stationed them at their posts. All Judah brought the tithes of grain, new wine and olive oil into the storerooms." Nehemiah 13:11b-12.

The year 2020 will be a time that few, if any will forget. The continuing efforts to thwart our participation in democracy by making it difficult for people of color to vote. The emergence of a deadly pandemic and the racial disparities revealed to all by its disproportionate impact. The inherent danger as the truths of racism were once again unearthed. We witnessed the miles long lines of people in search of Covid-19 testing and food, as the financial devastation took hold nationally. We watched in horror as nearly nine minutes ticked by as George Floyd lay in the street under the knee of a police officer. We continue to try to wrap our head around the murder of Breonna Taylor as a barrage of bullets "mistakenly" took her life. Perhaps the saddest of all is that these are only two of too many! Yet, as we begin a new year, we take time to reflect on the fullness and goodness of God. We are believers! His hand is in ours as we hang on in this secular world.

Your financial commitment to St. James Presbyterian Church in 2020 supported church leadership, staff, building maintenance as well as many ministries that work tirelessly to address the growing needs of our community. None of this could happen without the love you express through your giving.

As we enter 2021, let us be mindful that we cannot grow weary. We must work diligently at getting ourselves into "good trouble."

*Praise  
The Lord*

December- 2020- Weekly Collections  
Goal - \$7,497.00 each Sunday/ \$27,917.00 per month

| <u>Receipts:</u>            |                 | General Operations |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 12/6/2020                   | Worship Service | \$ 4,192.00        |
| 12/13/2020                  | Worship Service | \$ 5,610.00        |
| 12/20/2020                  | Worship Service | \$ 4,435.00        |
| 12/27/2020                  | Worship Service | \$ 1,485.00        |
|                             | Worship Service | \$ -               |
|                             | NSF             | \$ (105.00)        |
| *** Missed Monthly Goal By: |                 | PayPal             |
|                             |                 | \$ 3,612.41        |
| \$                          | (6,495.59)      | Cash App           |
|                             |                 | \$ 2,192.00        |
|                             |                 | \$ 21,421.41       |

For I know the plans I have for you, " declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11



## **STEWARDSHIP** *Monthly collection and stewardship opportunities. (cont.)*

*Giving Envelopes for 2021 are now available in the George Simpkins Room.  
Please call the Church Office, (336) 273-6658 for hours of operation.*

*Note: Missed a 2020 "Special Giving" opportunity? No problem! Just indicate your intention on your check or in the on line giving in "special instructions"!*

### *Our Per Capita Apportionment*

*\$25.00 or more during the months of January and February*

*Finally – Let's not forget to contribute to our Emergency Relief Fund!*

If you are **giving on line**, please indicate the nature of your **Special Giving** where it states "**add special instructions.**"

***You can now give from your smart phone! Use Cash App - \$sjpcnc***

The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your financial commitment to our church.



# NC COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATES

You have a spot, take your shot.

A tested, safe and effective vaccine will be available to all who want it, but supplies will be limited at first. To save lives and slow the spread of COVID-19, independent state and federal public health advisory committees recommend first protecting health care workers caring for patients with COVID-19, people who are at the highest risk of being hospitalized or dying, and those at high risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Keep practicing the 3 W's—wear a mask, wait six feet apart, wash your hands—until everyone has a chance to get vaccinated.

Please follow the links below for more updates, information and scheduling timeframes.

[Vaccine Updates](#)  
[Vaccination Schedule Information](#)  
*(see also infographic below)*

The link below has helpful hints and information:  
[The North Carolina DHHS Vaccination Website](#)

**Covid-19 Vaccinations:**  
 Your best shot at stopping COVID-19.

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For more Information:  
[YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov](https://YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov)



# Candlelight

## MEMORIAL SERVICE



Sunday, January 10th @ 2 p.m.

Please join us on Zoom.

Visit the church website for login info.

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